

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the September 23, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-4 were pending in the application, that claims 1 and 4 were rejected, and claims 2 and 3 were objected to. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are amended. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Support for the amendatory material of claim 1 can be found at page 8, lines 14-18 of Applicants' specification. Claim 2 has been re-written to place it independent form. Applicants believe that claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed below.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2 and 3 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been re-written to place it independent form. Claim 3 depends from claim 2. Applicants believe that claims 2 and 3 are in condition for allowance.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) – U.S. 5,974,946 (Kanou et al.)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,974,946 (Kanou et al.). Kanou et al. discloses a swash plate type compressor using a swash plate made of highly wear resistant material wherein the highly wear

resistant material can comprise a bronze alloy, a lead-bronze alloy, or a high strength brass alloy.  
*Col. 4, lns. 56-67.*

In the present application, the claims recite a compressor component, such as a swash plate, including a lubricating surface portion in a slide contact area, the lubricating surface portion being formed of a copper based metal which does not contain lead but contains solid lubricant comprising at least one of graphite, molybdenum disulfide, boron nitride, tungsten disulfide, carbon fluoride, calcium fluoride, barium fluoride, boron oxide and indium. These solid lubricants are not taught by Kanou et al.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) – U.S. 6,457,399 (Jingu)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 6,457,399 (Jingu). Jingu discloses a swash plate type compressor having swash plate formed by a cladding material comprising a base plate of iron and first and second attached plates made of a bronze-based metal and having a lubricant layer formed on the surface of the swash plate. *Col. 3, lns. 5-29.*

In the present application, the claims recite a compressor component, such as a swash plate, including a lubricating surface portion in a slide contact area, the lubricating surface portion being formed of a copper based metal which does not contain lead but contains solid lubricant comprising at least one of graphite, molybdenum disulfide, boron nitride, tungsten disulfide, carbon fluoride, calcium fluoride, barium fluoride, boron oxide and indium. These solid lubricants are not taught by Jingu.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and that action is earnestly solicited.

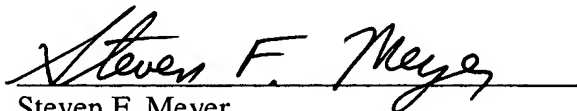
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4996.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4996.

Respectfully submitted,  
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